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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Erna KASTL

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For: *FOOD CASING PROVIDED WITH AN ANTIMICROBIAL FINISH*

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified PCT patent application as follows to bring it into conformance with United States national stage filing requirements:

**Amendments to the Specification** are provided in the replacement text beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 10 of this paper.